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LOYOLA FACES STRONG HOMECOMING OPPONENTS

It's Homecoming at Loyola College Saturday and three of the west end college teams put their undefeated records on the line as part of the festivities.

The action starts at 10:00 A.M. with the J.V. Soccer squad facing St. Joseph's Teachers College.

Sir George Williams University Varsity Soccer Georgians visit Bill Bettis' Warriors lead by Goalie Richard Bourdeau (3-0) in a noon time game and George Dixon's Varsity Football Warriors cap off the big day in sports with a 2:00 p.m. Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference clash against Royal Military College Redmen of Kingston.

Loyola's fourth unbeaten squad, the J.V. Football Braves who defeated McGill University Indians 14-9 last Saturday are idle this weekend.

"From the start we have felt that RMC with 27 returnees as the team to beat in our section", says Head Coach George Dixon, "And after the Redmen's display against Sir George last Saturday our scouts reported that they will be our toughest competition to date including the McGill team". The gentlemen cadets blanked Sir George 31-0 in that game. "We will have to reach our peak against RMC if we want to keep our hold of first place", went on Dixon.

There is speculation that Dixon may have trouble getting his team up two weeks in a row after their sparkling display against Bishop's last Saturday in which they boosted their season record with a 29-7 victory. Some seven veterans will need little convincing however, as last year's RMC encounter is still fresh in their minds. The 1967 Warriors were a crippled lot as they went to their final game of the season against RMC with only 22 players dressed.

RMC pounded Loyola from the start and went on to roll up a 56-0 score as well as sending six players to hospital.

The Redmen had their hopes for an undefeated season squashed two weeks ago dropping a 14-7 decision to Bishop's in a game that was dominated by RMC for three quarters only to see the Gitors bounce back and win it with a pair of fourth quarter majors.

It is a key game for both teams. A victory would all but clinch the Eastman title for Loyola while an RMC triumph would tie them for the lead with Loyola and possibly Bishop's.

Ken Dixon, Loyola's ace recruiter and Judd Porter, who together have masterminded Loyola's defence which has given up only seven points in three games admit they don't know what to expect from the Redmen.

"RMC does so many things well it will be hard to set our defense to stop any one particular aspect of their game as we did against Bishop's" says Porter.

Loyola will be hurting without rangy Dwayne Dudgeon who has been instrumental in Loyola's three victories as the key pass receiver and strong blocker. Dudgeon suffered a hip injury last Saturday and will not see action Saturday.

Loyola's coaching staff had praise for pass interception specialist Joe Manzoli who set a CCIFC record by picking off three Bishop's passes last Saturday, hard running halfback Ron Sekeres and the defensive front four, Claude Beaudry, Bob Miele, Mickey O'Neil and Brian Marcil after viewing the Bishop's films.

Also as part of the Homecoming program four Loyola Alumni Ed Meagher, Connie Broden, Joe Peirier and Norm Smith will be inducted into the Loyola Sports Hall of Fame at a noon luncheon held in their honor.